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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : T. ISHIKAWA et al.  
Serial No. : 10/533,607  
Filed : November 3, 2005  
For : METHOD OF IMPROVEMENT OF TOUGHNESS OF HEAT AFFECTED  
ZONE AT WELD JOINT OF STEEL PLATE

**REMARKS**

SIR:

This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed August 26, 2008.

Please enter the unentered amended claims of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed August 15, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated August 12, 2008) and consider the amended claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the amended claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed August 15, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed August 15, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated August 12, 2008) is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

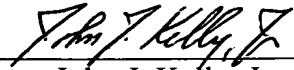
A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2008 accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

**CONCLUSION**

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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